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REF: A) MANILA 15344 B) USUN 4131

1. INDONESIAN MISSION HAS PROVIDED US TEXT OF MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) LETTER CIRCULATED AT MID-OCTOBER MEETING OF ISLAMIC GROUP BY CHAIRMAN OF ISLAMIC GROUP AMB. KIKHIA OF LIBYA. DESPITE NEW YORK DATELINE OF LETTER SIGNED BY MNLF CO-CHAIRMEN ON CEASEFIRE IMPLEMENTATION MANJOORSA AND ASANI, NEITHER PHILIPPINE NOR INDOENESIAN MISSIONS BELIEVE THAT MANJOORSA AND/OR ASANI HAVE BEEN IN NEW YORK.

2. TEXT OF MNLF LETTER AND ENCLOSURE FOLLOW:
QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY
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BROTHER MANSUR R. KIKHIA
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK, USA

DEAR EXCELLENCY;

WE ARE PLEASED TO FURNISH YOU HEREWITH A COPY OF OUR SUMMARY REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ON THE LATEST CEASE-FIRE SITUATION IN SOUTH PHILIPPINES.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE, THE CEASEFIRE WAS DECLARED BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT ON DECEMBER 23, 1976 WHICH GRANTED POLITICAL AUTONOMY TO OUR PEOPLE, THE BANGSA MORO PEOPLE.

WHEN THE SERIES OF TALKS TO WORK OUT THE FINAL FORMULA OF THE AUTONOMY UNDER THE ACCORD COLLAPSED IN MANILA LAST APRIL, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WAS BENT ON PURSUING ITS GENOCIDAL WAR AGAINST OUR PEOPLE. LATELY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND HIS COLONIAL ARMED FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED MASSIVE MILITARY OFFENSIVES IN FOUR MAJOR AREAS: DAVAO DEL SUR, NORTH COTABATO (INCLUDING MAGUINDANAO AND SULTAN KUDARAT), BASILAN AND SULU, UTILIZING MASSIVE GROUND TROOPS WITH AIR, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL SUPPORTS, THE ENCLOSED SUMMARY REPORT WILL SHOW THE SCALE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN GROSS VIOLATION OF THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT, FORCING OUR PEOPLE AND THE BANGSA MORO ARMY TO TAKE DEFENSIVE MILITARY MEASURES TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

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THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, WHILE INTENSIFYING ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES, INSISTS ON THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN AND/OR INSIDE THE PHILIPPINES. HOWEVER, THE MNLF REMAINING FIRM IN ITS POSITION, AS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED BY THE CHAIRMAN, BROBHER NUR MISUARI, THAT ANY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF THE TRIPOLI ACCORD AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF THE 8TH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI LAST MAY.

WE HOPE THAT, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 8TH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, THROUGH ITS PERMANENT MISSION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INFORM THE DELEGATIONS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH PHILIPPINES.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,
(SIGNED)
THAMBEYAPHA J. MANJOORSA
MNLF CO-CHAIRMAN
ON CEASEFIRE IMPLEMENTATION

(SIGNED)
ABDURASAD ASANI
MEMBER, MNLF CEASEFIRE

COMMITTEE
MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT
MNLF CEASEFIRE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE MNLF CO-CHAIRMAN

ON
CEASEFIRE IMPLEMENTATION
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ZAMBOANGA CITY

30 SEPTEMBER 1977

TO: BORTHER NUR MISUARI
CHAIRMAN, CENTERAL COMMITTEE
MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT

SUBJECT: SUMMARY REPORT ON THE CEASEFIRE SITUATION IN
SOUTH PHILIPPINES

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CO-CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE
JOINT CEASEFIRE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE MORO NATIONAL
LIBERATION FRONT WHOM YOUR GOOD SELF HAS CHARGED WITH THE
TASK OF HELPING TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASEFIRE IN SOUTHERN
PHILIPPINES DECLARED BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND
THE MNLF PURSUANT TO THE TRIPPLI AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER
1976, HEREBY JOINTLY SUBMIT THIS SUMMARY REPORT ON THE
INCREASING NUMBER OF GENOCIDAL CRIMES OF PRESIDENT MARCOS
AND HIS COLONIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE
AND HUMANITY. THESE CRIMES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AND ARE STILL
BEING CONTINUOUSLY COMMITTED WITHOUT LET-UP BY THE GOVERNMENT
DESPITE THE CEASEFIRE WHICH THE MNLF AND OUR PEOPLE HAVE
SOLEMNLY AND FAITHFULLY SWORN TO RESPECT AND UPHOLD.

1. THERE IS A WHOLESALE MASSACRE BEING PREPETRATED
BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THEIR
TERRORIST SPECIAL PARA-MILITARY FORCES (SPMF)
AGAINST UNARMED CIVILIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
IN ALL THE AREAS COVERED BY THE CEASEFIRE
AGREEMENT. THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WOULD SHOW THE
SCALE AND MAGNITUDE OF SUCH CRIMES WHICH OUR PEOPLE,
AND INDEED, ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD
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CANNOT CONDONE:
(1) JULY 7, 1977-NINE (9) UNARMED MUSLIM
CIVILIANS WERE MERCILESSLY SHOT TO DEATH,
AND SEVEN (7) OTHERS WOUNDED, AT TUBURAN,
BY ELEMENTS OF THE 61ST PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY
BATTALION. THIS IS THE SAME CONSTABULARY

BATTALION WHICH MASSACRED 74 INNOCENT MUSLIM CIVILIANS IN MOTONG, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE IN NOVEMBER 1975.

(2) AUGUST 27, 1977-THIRTY-TWO (32) UNARMED MUSLIM CIVILIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE MERCELESSLY MASSACRED ALSO BY ELEMENTS OF THE 61ST PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY BATTALION AT TIPO-TIPO, BASILAN.

(3) SEPTEMBER 17, 1977-TWENTY-EIGHT (28) UNARMED MUSLIM CIVILIANS, WHILE RIDING ON A PASSENGER JEEPNEY, WERE FIRED UPON AND MASSACRED BY MACHINEGUN FIRE FROM A SCORPION TANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY AT PANTAO, JOLO.

(4) SEPTEMBER 23, 1977-FIVE (5) WOMEN WERE MASSACRED AND ONE (1) OTHER WOUNDED WHEN FIRED UPON IN THEIR HOUSE AT TUBURAN, BASILAN, BY ELEMENTS OF THE 61ST PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY BATTALION.

(5) APRIL 10-SEPT. 23, 1977-FORTY-THREE(43) CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE COMMITTED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THEIR TERRORIST SPECIAL PARAAMILITARY FORCES IN THE THREE PROVINCES OF NORTH COTABATO, MAGUINDANAO AND SULTAN KUDARAT. THESE VIOLATIONS RANGED FROM HARASSING AND TERRIZING CIVILIAN FARMERS BY FORCIBLY TAKING OR BURNING THEIR FARMS HARVESTS, FARM IMPLEMENTS AND ANIMALS, TO OUTRIGHT KILLING AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENTS OF CIVILIAN AREAS RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF SEVERAL INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE WOUNDING OF MANY OTHERS. THE PEOPLE OF THESE THREE PROVINCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIKIT, BULDON AND CARMEN ARE AGAIN RUNNING AWAY FROM THEIR HOMES AND FARMLANDS BECAUSE OF UNABATED AND EVEN INCREASING TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT'S MILITARY TROOPERS AND THEIR SPECIAL PARA-MILITARY FORCES. IN ADDITION, 3,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM THE PHILIPPINE ARMY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED SINCE THREE WEEKS AGO IN NORTH COTABATO.

(6) IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CEASEFIRE IN SOUTH PHILIPPINES, VIOLATIONS BY THE PHILIPPINES GOVERNMENT IS JUST AS RAMPANT AND WIDESPREAD RESULTING IN SEVERAL INNOCENT MUSLIMS KILLED OR MERCELESSLY MURDERED BY THE

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